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MARINES FOUGHT TO THE END

MORE REMINISCENCES OF CRETE

A few weeks ago our columns contained an eye-witness' graphic account of the Battle of Crete as it affected a Ramsgate Royal Artillery Battery which suffered heavy losses.

Now, from Marine W. H. Bishop, of Bellevue-road, Ramsgate, who is at present serving on board H.M.S. Anson, comes a description of an earlier chapter in the tragic story of the island. It tells of the few months which led up to the "ten days of hell" experienced by the Artillerymen—of the appalling conditions under which the islanders existed and their embarrassing gratitude for little luxuries which the Marines were able to bring them.

Mne. Bishop writes of the gallant action of Britain's renowned "sailor-soldiers" when they went to the island to instal and mount the defence guns towards the end of 1940. The Marines, he says, were among the first to land there and definitely the last to leave when our forces evacuated from Crete, although he sailed from the island in March, 1941.

Here, in his own words, is Mne. Bishop's story:

"The ship I was serving in had been torpedoed off Crete, so we became immobile indefinitely. On 5th November, 1941, all the Marines—about a hundred or so—and the same number of sailors were sent to the island to mount the shore defence guns—four six-inchers and various anti-aircraft weapons. It was the most gruelling task we ever encountered. There is one solitary jetty at Suda Bay where we landed, and no unloading or disembarking facilities at all. Everything was far behind the times.

Seven-Ton Guns.

"We Marines were given 12 days to land four guns, each weighing seven tons, and also the stores. There were ten of us detailed for this task. Everyone else had been sent to the battery site to dig in and construct gun pits, etc. The ship's derrick managed to hoist the guns on to the jetty and after that it was our own 'pigeon' as to how we would raise the guns on to the limber which had been borrowed.

"Within two days we despatched one gun complete to 'A' Battery and in eight days the jetty was clear—four days ahead of schedule. We were raided all day and every day by enemy planes, for the jetty was so conspicuous, but we never took cover and no one ordered us to. We had a job to do and finish. Each night at dusk we downed tools and boarded the lorry bound for the battery, which was five miles distant, and partook of a supper which usually consisted of 'corned dog,' bread and tea. The unfortunate ones had a middle watch guarding the stores, etc., and the rest of us helped to dig the gun pits and dug-outs by the bright moonlight, which lasted until two in the morning. At seven prompt we were back on the jetty with the guns, which were mounted and ready for firing within a fortnight of leaving our ship.

Helpful Greeks.

"The only help we received was some Greek labour. These men filled sandbags and made walls for our dug-outs. As I can speak the language I was unofficially appointed interpreter and so I found the Greek people very hospitable and sociable, although some of them live under appalling conditions. Their houses had no fireplaces, food was cooked on a small oil burner, roasting was a luxury. Wireless sets were practically non-existent, about one house in a hundred possessing one. There was no cow's milk and very little goat's milk and how the children were reared is beyond me. I made friends with a Scoutmaster, whose wife was expecting a baby. She told me this quite frankly—in some things the people were very unconventional. But I was never left alone in a room with a female. There must always be a male relative or a friend present.

"Each night I took them luxuries such as tinned milk and fruit, white bread (unheard of out there), and, rarest of all, butter. Their gratitude was embarrassing and they did everything possible to repay me. I was invited to a wedding held in the parlour of a house, the whole ceremony lasting about ten minutes. Sweets were thrown instead of confetti and each guest departed with a small lace bag of sweets as a souvenir. There was no honeymoon and only limited drinking, which was disappointing to me. The Greeks were never drunk. On Christmas Day we were all merry, champagne being only a hundred drachmas a bottle—the equivalent of about 4s. So one can imagine what the average Englishman was like on Christmas Day.

Christmas Concert.

"There was no Santa Claus for the kiddies and no entertainment of any kind on the island. We endeavoured to brighten their lives with an open-air concert as the day was beautiful and warm.

"At the end of March, when we had resigned ourselves to the fate of being there for the duration, we suddenly had orders to leave for Alexandria, first calling at Athens for four days. It was with deep regret that we left for we had a premonition that we should never see those kind faces again. Many faces on that same jetty were tear-stained—and some of ours, too.

"But they hadn't seen the last of the Marines. Shortly before the invasion a force of the Royal Marines numbering 2,000 landed there and they fought as only Marines can fight. They formed that gallant rear-guard and 400 returned."

SPENT NIGHT IN CHURCH

CHIEF CONSTABLE PLEADS FOR SOLDIER

A plea that another chance should be given to a young soldier who, when he was 18, had served two sentences of six months' imprisonment, was made by the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

The soldier, Reginald Albert Mason, aged 19, was originally charged with breaking and entering the Congregational Church, Meeting-street, Ramsgate, and stealing a portable typewriter, value £10, the property of the Rev. S. B. Green, on the night of 2nd February, but the charge was reduced to one of larceny.

Mason pleaded guilty.

D/S Fortescue said that at 12.15 a.m. on 5th February he saw defendant detained at Deal police station. Later, at Ramsgate, he told defendant he answered the description of a soldier who had sold a typewriter at a Ramsgate shop the previous Wednesday. Defendant replied "Yes."

Defendant stated that he got into the church by a side door and slept the night in a pew. He went into the vestry and opened the safe but as it contained no money he took the typewriter.

The Chief Constable said that the previous Wednesday defendant went into a shop in King-street and said he wanted 30s. for the typewriter, which was his own. He stated that he bought it in Slough.

Reported to Police.

In a further statement, said the Chief Constable, Mason said that on 29th January he visited premises in Margate and left owing 9s. He spent the day wandering around Margate and after committing the offence at Ramsgate went to Sandwich. On Thursday he reported himself to the police. He did not like the Army because he was called up six months before he should have been and he was with men of 23 whom he was unable to get on with very well.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced that there would be a conviction.

The Chief Constable said defendant stated that as a small boy his mother cast him aside and he was brought up by his grandmother until he was 13 years of age. He did not have the supervision of a father. At the age of 13 he was sent to an approved school and when he came home in 1939 he found a stepfather who did not like him. He decided to get out and joined the Army by giving his age as 18 although he was only 16. After six months his real age was found out and he was discharged from the Army and sent back to the approved school. He again tried to live with his parents but found it was impossible.

Never Had a Chance.

Mr. Butler said that at the age of 12 defendant was before the Slough juvenile court on a charge of stealing a torch and was bound over for 12 months. In 1938, when he was 14½, he was charged at Slough with housebreaking and sent to an approved school. In 1941, when he was 17½, he was charged at Windsor with stealing a church collecting box and being an absentee from the Army and he was returned to the approved school. A month later he was charged with stealing a Post Office savings bank book and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. In October, 1941, at Strangeways, Manchester, Mason was charged with stealing goods to the value of £5 4s. 6d., but was discharged under the Probation of Offenders' Act and returned to an approved school. In April, 1942, at Windsor, he was sentenced to six months' hard labour for stealing clothing valued at £35. By the time he was 18½ he had served two periods of six months' imprisonment.

The boy had never had any real home life, said the Chief Constable, and he felt that he had never had much of a chance. He was a victim of circumstances and had lacked parental control.

"I make an appeal to you to give him another chance," said the Chief Constable.

Mr. A. E. Bray, probation officer, said he thought he could do something for defendant if he was given another chance.

An officer stated that Mason was an excellent soldier and his conduct in the Army had been perfect.

The Chairman said the bench felt that defendant had never really had a chance and he would be sentenced to one day's imprisonment.

COSTS AGAINST CORPORATION

SLIP BY LONDON POLICE ALLEGED

A technicality for which the Metropolitan police were stated to be responsible resulted in £25 costs being awarded against Ramsgate Corporation by the borough magistrates on Monday.

Sevenscore Estates Ltd., whose registered offices are at Old Burlington-street, London, W.1, were summoned for selling milk which was not of the substance and quality demanded by the purchaser, contrary to the Food and Drugs Act, on 19th December.

The Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis) appeared for the Corporation, who were prosecuting, and Mr. E. C. Allfree represented the defendants.

Mr. Curtis said the case was similar to others which had been heard by the magistrates, alleging milk to be deficient in fat. Mr. Allfree would be submitting that the summons as served disclosed no offence and would ask that it should be dismissed.

"I find myself in the very unusual position of having to say that I agree with the application which will be made to you and agree the case must be dismissed," said the Town Clerk.

The Food and Drugs Act, continued Mr. Curtis, was full of technicalities and all sorts of formula had to be observed. When it was alleged that milk was sold which was deficient in fat a copy of the analyst's certificate showing how the deficiency was made up had to be served with the summons. In respect of the present case it was proposed to produce two analyst's certificates, one showing the deficiency in respect of which the proceedings were taken and one relating to a sample taken from the herd which showed the second sample to be genuine.

No Blame Locally.

The summons was in the ordinary form and the two analyst's certificates were attached to it. They were attached in the Magistrates' Clerk's office and the Clerk made a note which was also attached, stating that both certificates must be served with the summons. He wanted to make it clear that there was no blame attaching to any department or anyone in Ramsgate.

The registered offices of the defendant company were in London and in the ordinary course of procedure the summons was sent to the Metropolitan police authorities by the Magistrates' Clerk, together with the note that both certificates were also to be served.

"To my amazement when checking up on Saturday morning," continued Mr. Curtis, "I found that the Metropolitan police, in their wisdom, had served only one of the analyst's certificates, and that certificate related to the genuine sample of milk. You have the amazing position that a summons was served alleging an offence under the Food and Drugs Act and the evidence attached showed they had been selling genuine milk. It was absolutely ridiculous, but that was the position."

When he found out the position he communicated with Mr. Allfree and found that he was intending, as one would expect him to do, to rely upon this omission in asking that the case should be dismissed. As the defect could not now be remedied, there would be no purpose in asking for an adjournment.

Serious Charge.

Making application for the dismissal of the case on the grounds indicated by Mr. Curtis, Mr. Allfree said he had been prepared to defend the case on its merits had the certificates been properly served. The charge of selling milk which was not of the substance and quality demanded was a serious one. He would have been prepared to prove up to the hilt that the milk was genuine milk. In order to do that it would have been necessary to call many witnesses and to call expert evidence to show that at that time of year milk might be below a specific standard. Farmers were up against great difficulties these days and his clients had been unable to get cake, on which cows largely relied for their feed during the winter, for a year before the present proceedings began. It was no good arguing with the cows.

Continuing, Mr. Allfree said his clients decided that the allegation was so serious that it was advisable to brief counsel. He had great difficulty in getting counsel but eventually secured the services of Mr. B. H. Waddy, who consented to come on the terms of 12 guineas for a brief and one guinea for the conference. His London agents were congratulating themselves on having secured Mr. Waddy's services for such a reasonable fee. The brief was delivered to him and the fees were incurred. Six witnesses had to be interviewed, the brief consisting of 65 folios, and altogether the costs amounted to £25 12s. 4d. He was asking for £25 costs against the Corporation.

Arbitrary Standard.

"It's very easy to launch these proceedings, but sometimes very difficult to defend them," said Mr. Allfree. "Having regard to the present conditions prevailing, I think the prosecution should be extra careful to find out the reason why milk might not come up to some entirely arbitrary standard and this especially at a time when farmers are being urged by Lord Woolton to produce more winter milk. These prosecutions take up the valuable time of the farmer, in this case my client, Mr. Pearse, and the men working for the benefit of the country. These proceedings should be subject to very careful consideration before they are launched at all. I don't think for one moment the Food Inspector had any suspicion that the milk was not genuine. There is no allegation that water was added. The only suggestion was that by some fraction of 1 per cent. the milk failed to come up to the standard laid down."

Mr. Curtis said Mr. Allfree had addressed the magistrates almost on the assumption that the case had gone against the prosecution on its merits. The view the Corporation took was that it was more than ever essential in war-time when there was a shortage of milk that all milk supplied in the town was of the proper quality.

"On the merits of the case I feel I could have convinced you that it was not of the proper quality," said Mr. Curtis.

Mr. Allfree had in effect said that the Corporation should be rebuked for bringing the case at all. His own view was that it was very essential that the quality of milk should be maintained.

To Apply for Refund.

Mr. Curtis said he had no objection in principle to an order for costs being made against the Corporation, but he was concerned about the amount being asked for. There was no blame attaching to anyone in Ramsgate and whatever costs might be awarded he proposed to apply to the Metropolitan police authority for a refund.

There was absolutely no need for counsel to have been instructed, said Mr. Curtis. Mr. Allfree was perfectly capable of defending the case and he had stated that it must have gone down in any event. There was nothing in the summons to show the deficiency unless the analyst's certificate accompanied it and it was obvious on the face of it that there was no case to answer. He was wondering, in the circumstances, how Mr. Allfree could have drawn a brief for he could not have told counsel what his clients were charged with.

Mr. Curtis said he asked that the costs should be purely nominal.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said that on the technical point raised by Mr. Allfree the case would be dismissed. They felt the company were justified in taking every action they thought necessary to rebut the charge. There would be an order for £25 costs against the prosecution.

"We hope the Town Council will be able to get that amount from the Metropolitan police, who evidently have fallen down on the case and are responsible for this position," said Mr. Perry.

ENTERTAINMENTS MANAGER'S SALARY

It is understood that Ramsgate Town Council in committee on Thursday approved a recommendation of the Sands and Entertainments Committee that the salary of the Entertainments Manager (Mr. R. J. Costerton) should be increased from £500 to £550 per annum.

When the matter came before open Council its reference back to Council in committee for further consideration was moved by Councillor J. B. Butler and seconded by Councillor H. Farmer.

Under Council Standing Orders matters relating to the salaries of Corporation officials cannot be discussed at open Council.

POLICE MERGER DATE

CHIEF CONSTABLE APPOINTED

It is understood that the amalgamation of the police forces of Kent into one force—a matter which has given rise to bitter controversy—will take effect on 1st April.

Sir Percy J. Sillitoe, Chief Constable of Glasgow, is to be the new Chief Constable of Kent in succession to Capt. J. A. Davison, M.C., who died in October after shooting himself in a wood at Maidstone.

Sir Percy has accepted the position at the request of the Home Office, and will begin his duties on 1st March—a month before the amalgamation.

Fifty-five years of age, Sir Percy went to Glasgow in 1931. At that time the city was reputed to be the "Chicago of Europe." Gangs of hooligans ran a "protection" racket for shopkeepers, smashing their windows if they failed to pay tribute. Sir Percy very quickly "cleaned up" the city.

FIREMEN ENTERTAIN

A new local star, Bill Austin, made a great hit on the stage of the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, during the services' programme on Friday.

The audience rocked with laughter at his realistic impersonations of famous radio and film stars and his recitation of the opening lines of "Excelsior" in Irish, Welsh, Scottish and Cockney.

The whole show was thoroughly enjoyable and Alf Challenger (piano), Bill Maxted (accordeon) and Harold Oliver (violin and saxophone) were very popular. Jack Yorath and Miss Joan Milgate earned applause, too, for their vocal numbers. All the artistes with the exception of Bill Austin were members of the N.F.S.

In the near future the N.F.S. band are presenting a special show at the Odeon which will consist of musical comedy hits of the past quarter of a century.

THREW KIT INTO RIVER

YOUNG SOLDIER SENT TO PRISON

An 18-year-old soldier who stated that he threw his kit into the river from Rochester bridge was sentenced at Ramsgate police court on Monday to three months in a juvenile prison.

Pte. John Louis Evans pleaded guilty to stealing the sum of 2s. 7d. from a gas meter at a house in Hardres-street, Ramsgate, between 3rd and 4th February.

He was further charged with being absent without leave from his unit since 22nd January.

D/C Hopper said that on the afternoon of 4th February he saw Evans at the West Cliff arcade and took him to the police station with regard to another matter. At first Evans denied all knowledge of the theft from the gas meter but later said "All right, I did it last night."

The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) read a statement made by defendant, in which he said he was an absentee from the Army. The previous month he had seven days' leave and went to stay with a sister at Whitstable. He should have returned on 22nd January but did not do so. He visited Rochester, where he threw his kit over the bridge into the river. Returning to Whitstable, he slept for a week at a house which his sister was intending to occupy. He forced the electric light meter and took out 2s. He kept putting the shillings in so that he could get electric light and then taking them out again.

Other Offences.

Continuing his statement, Evans said he broke into a shop and stole some articles which he sold for 7s. From another shop he stole 12 wine glasses, which he sold for 4s., and from the gas meter at another house he stole 5s. Later he came to Westgate and from a hotel stole eight blankets and four sheets, which he

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sold for 30s. On 30th January his sister came to live at the house at Whitstable and she gave him until Wednesday to get out. He then came to Ramsgate and broke into a house in Central-road, where he took 4s. from the gas meter.

In the statement defendant admitted having broken into a number of other houses.

The Chief Constable said defendant asked that eight other cases should be taken into consideration. Defendant was a native of Ramsgate and gave a bit of trouble when young. In October, 1936, he was charged with stealing old iron and the case was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders' Act. The following year he was charged at the juvenile court with being concerned in the theft of clothing and was fined 10s. In 1939 he was charged with shopbreaking—11 cases of larceny being taken into account—and was placed on probation. In 1940 at Hove he was charged with officebreaking and was sent to an approved school. He had been in the Army since October last.

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From Banana Growing to Law.

Many officers and men, particularly those who left civilian life to serve in the Navy for the duration of the war, are anxious not to let their minds become rusty on subjects which have a particular bearing on their peace-time occupations. Many, too, are eager to continue, whenever possible, courses of study which they may have begun at a university or technical school before they were called up.

To these, the technical lending library is of inestimable value, and some idea of its scope and the use to which it is put may be gained by glancing at the letters asking for books.

These include requests for books on such diverse subjects as banana growing, coconut cultivation, clock mending, the anatomy of greyhounds, the nursing of mental cases, wireless, photography, the calculus, wine growing, law and farming. Books in foreign languages are also in great demand, both from English students and from our Allies. French, German, Spanish, Czech, Russian, Danish and Dutch are most in demand. Italian is seldom asked for. Often an English novel and its foreign translation are requested by advanced language students.

The librarians are aware also that a particularly keen interest is now being taken by sailors in post-war planning. This is reflected in the numerous requests for books on town and country planning, architecture, and building materials.

Requests From Lower Deck.

All these varied and numerous requests are met. If the books are not already in the library they are specially bought. They are lent for an unlimited period, and they are almost invariably returned, even though they may have travelled across the world before reaching the sailor who asked for them.

Generally speaking, the majority of requests for books come from the lower deck. Those from stokers, cooks and sick berth attendants are the most numerous.

Early in the war 80 per cent. of the books issued were given by the public to the library. But by this time most people have cleared their shelves of books they do not want, and now 80 per cent. have to be bought. To meet the cost the Royal Naval War Libraries receive a grant from the Treasury, and additional sums are received from private subscribers and from contributions to the "ship halfpennies" collecting boxes.

The library is staffed by full-time voluntary workers.

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THIS WEEK'S COMPLETE STORY

THIRD TIME UNLUCKY

By

Spencer Freer

Bluebell was one of the stubbornest horses that ever saw harness, and that means a lot when I tell you that she lived her life in Canada. We bought her from "Red" Copperthwaite, who was a horse-trader and buyer that drove through our parts every summer with a string of horses. As "Red" often remarked proudly to customers and doubters, "Wal, ef you won't trade my way, I'll trade your'n."

Even Mother liked Bluebell, although she maintained a deep distrust of the horse-trader himself. The mare was an unusual colour, being an almost perfect dapple blue-grey, and a delight for any horseman to look at. Just supposing that beautiful animal really belonged to us. Why it was something unbelievable. Mother, like my small sister and me, betrayed an air of subdued excitement as the deal progressed. Dad, fencing for advantage before making a decision, suggested that the mare looked a little tough-bitted. The horse-trader was indignant. Of course, the mare wasn't tough-bitted. Why she was only a four-year-old but recently broken to harness. He went on to draw a glowing picture of how many colts we could raise from this likely young mare, and each foal as pretty as her. It was a most alluring prospect.

We were all of us thrilled when the deal was finally closed. Mother was so pleased she insisted the horse-trader stay to dinner, which he did. Not until the man was well on his way after a very hearty meal did we examine further our lovely blue-grey mare. She was beautiful as a painting, and a joy to the eye. So we turned Bluebell into the pasture for the night.

The following morning we were all up bright and early, and perhaps a little more excited than ever. Bluebell was to be hitched to the light rig after breakfast, and driven into the foothills village to do sundry shopping errands and also pick up the mail. Everything went along fine, and Dad was so tickled to think what an excellent bargain he had made with the horse-trader, he could hardly sit still as he drove our new horse.

Our gratification turned to swift dismay, though, when we reached the village post office, for Bluebell absolutely refused to stop. Dad pulled and yanked on the reins, yelled "Whoa," and sundry other words, but to no avail. Dad said she had grabbed the bit in her teeth and wouldn't let go, although she walked on very quietly.

Down the village street we bowled steadily, and the folk came out in twos and threes to admire the beautiful driving horse, and Dad wouldn't let on that our journey wasn't going according to plan.

Bluebell proceeded through the village and headed back towards the direction from which the horse-trader had brought her.

Presently, Dad gave me the reins and he climbed along the shaft of the rig and so mounted the hurricane deck of the mare. There followed a real tug-of-war. Dad finally won, and managed to get Bluebell headed in the right direction. He vowed he would take that out of her with a good snaffle bit and a whip, but the record shows that he never did. Bluebell had a mind of her own, and would stop if she thought she would, or keep going!

If we attempted to ride her she promptly headed for the open barn door or a tree with a low branch, and attempted to brush us off her back. Why even an Ozark mule wouldn't do anything as low down as that. If we drove her into a stream of water, instead of taking a drink and crossing over like most horses would, Bluebell liked to wander downstream looking for fish.

Truth to tell, Dad got more and more fed up with her. Many times he threatened to sell her, and once he firmly declared he was going to give her away, but Mother always intervened at the right moment and Bluebell stayed on.

But that by the way. To return to our thrilling marathon drive with Bluebell. We had to return to Hicksville that day, and I sure felt sorry for Dad. They were all waiting for us now, and the entire populace had been rounded up to give us a hearty reception.

I think it was the harness-maker who fired the opening shot. "Nice hawse you'm drivin' thar, Simon. How 'bout a leetle new harness to spruce her up?" Dad shook his head in a friendly way, eyes front. Bluebell was taking all his attention, and he couldn't bandy jokes.

"Whoja steal her from —Si—? She ain't got no brand," some smart guy yelled out.

But you know, perhaps, how infectious a jesting mood seizes on a small town crowd. Dad was anxiously watching Bluebell, who was becoming increasingly restive with all the ballyhoo, and she was not relaxing a fraction her bulldog grip on that bit. None must suspect the predicament we were in. If Bluebell bolted, well, it was going to be too bad—and she might do just that.

The cheers and jeers recommenced.

"Let 'er buck!" some nit-wit yelled.

"You're holdin' th' beast too hard, Simon," announced a local horse authority. "Giv' th' crittur her head!"

We were almost through the good-natured banter of Hicksville at last, and then some fool threw a pebble at Bluebell to try and liven her up. It took her sharply on the flank and away she spurted ahead as though the seven furies were after her. Dad hung on to one side of the seat and I clung to the other, for the light rig was going places high, wide and handsome. But mostly high. What probably saved our lives was the shafts came out and faster than ever went Bluebell, the loose shafts bouncing along behind the mare and adding to the zest of her getaway.

A kindly neighbour brought the light rig home afterwards, as we had already joined in the race. Meantime Bluebell—somewhat dishevelled—had arrived home. She had cleared the garden fence in a magnificent steeplechase jump, left the shafts dangling on the fence, and was browsing greedily on Mother's carefully-tended lettuce patch.

Dad never tackled driving—or riding—her again. Chiefly, we made a pet of her—which she seemed to like—and as Mother often reminded us—"We really had our money's worth in the pleasure of looking after her!" Certainly when it came to looks there wasn't a horse in the district could hold a candle to Bluebell.

As the years passed we gave up visions of a band of blue-grey horses roaming the foothills range. That had been nought but a foolish dream. Bluebell never presented us with a foal. As for "Red" Copperthwaite, the horse-trader, we had well-nigh forgotten he ever existed.

Then one day he drove a motor car into our yard with a grand flourish. It was a car that matched his large diamond ring and his swagger clothes.

Yet the strangest of the whole turnout to us, who had never seen such a thing before, was the horse-trailer hitched behind the car. There was a horse in it, too.

After exchanging greetings with Dad and shaking hands, "Red" proceeded to unfold his story. He was still a horse-trader, he explained, only now he had gone modern and hitched a trailer behind a car. It was all very exciting, and we examined the contrivance with great interest. Even Mother came out and had a look at it, although she ignored the horse-trader.

The horse-trader seemed more friendly than ever. "I know," he said to Dad, "that I gave you a dirty deal the time I sold you the blue-grey mare, and I've come back to make restitution. Reckon it allus pays to be square in the end. Whar's th' mare?"

Dad pointed her out to him where she was feeding in the back pasture. They went over and looked at her, conversing in low tones as they walked. Mother looked at me significantly, shook her head and went inside. They were still talking when they came back, and I could tell by Dad's manner that he was seeking to defend himself from another horse deal. The horse-trader pulled Dad over in the direction of the trailer once more, and again they inspected the animal. It was a bay three-year-old and terribly thin. "Makin's of a mighty good hawse, Simon," I heard "Red" say. "Needs a mite more feed to put him in right good condition, when he'll be wuth real money."

Dad shook his head obstinately, although he sure needed a horse bad enough. "Tell yeh what I'll do to make things right, Simon. I'm goona trade you this young three-year-old gelding, an' take a five-dollar bill to boot, jest to bind th' bargain. We kin load that danged blue-grey mare in th' trailer an' you'll be shed of her for good." Well, Dad hummed and hawed, and glanced over his shoulder to see if Mother was near, but I knew he was going to deal. He looked at the colt's teeth, but Dad couldn't tell a horse's age from a tom-cat's. I guess he just wanted to impress the horse-trader.

The outcome of it was that Dad borrowed a dollar from me, and about four dollars of egg and butter money in the house and so the deal was concluded.

"At least Bluebell was nice to look at," Mother said afterwards. "This poor creature looks as though it were on its last legs." As usual, Mother proved a true prophet. Before supper we discovered the bay gelding had suddenly developed a bad cough, and it was necessary to borrow some horse medicine from a neighbour. Then Dad came in to breakfast one morning to tell us that the colt was dead.

I was home for the summer holidays when the climax happened two years later. Dad and I were mending the garden fence when who should ride into the yard but "Red" Copperthwaite, erstwhile horse-trader. We could hardly believe our eyes. He was mounted on Bluebell with an elegant saddle.

Now Dad is usually a peaceable kind of man, but for once he had reached the limit. As "Red" pulled up the blue-grey mare, Dad ran for the house. There was something suggestive and menacing in the way Dad hot-footed it for the open door.

The horse-trader evidently thought so, too, and swinging Bluebell sharply into reverse, spurred her for the gate.

I tried to restrain Dad but he pushed me aside, and my sister screamed. Dad gave him both barrels and my sister screamed again, but the only difference it seemed to make was that man and horse seemed to find a little extra speed as if there must have been a sting in those shots.

Dad grinned ruefully as the smoke drifted from the barrels of the shotgun. "To bad," he remarked, "that it was only bird shot!"

My sister claims that Mother is secretly quite proud of Dad's bold stand for the democratic way of life. We all think that Copperthwaite is done in the foothills country unless he makes his next visit in a tank!

The End

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

POST-WAR HOUSING

The Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) has reported to the Works Committee of Ramsgate Town Council details of the Government's present policy with regard to present and post-war housing.

The Government will not permit the erection of new houses during the war, except for urgent industrial requirements and for rural workers. With regard to the post-war period, local authorities are urged to prepare housing proposals to such a stage that they can be put into operation for the 12 months immediately following the end of the war.

The committee feel that in view of the present housing conditions in the town, the question of post-war housing might well be postponed to a later date, and they propose to consider it at a future meeting.

RAID VICTIMS

FUNERAL OF ALDERMAN AND MRS. NOBLE

Alderman and Mrs. W. R. Noble, whose death in an air raid was reported in our last issue, were buried together in the same grave on Thursday.

Beginning life as a telegraph boy, Alderman Noble achieved a prominent place in the business life of the town. He was unsuccessful in his ambition to enter the Methodist ministry but he served his church well and for 17 years was a lay preacher.

When his business, which he opened a few months previously, was ruined by the outbreak of war in 1914, Alderman Noble three times volunteered for the Army, but each time was rejected. He became secretary of the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund, the Canadian Relief Fund and the Rehabilitation Fund, which rehoused people who were bombed out of their homes.

He became a platoon sergeant in the Kent Volunteer Regiment, a special constable, and after the war visited Buckingham Palace, where he was thanked by the King for his work.

Alderman Noble became a member of the Town Council in 1927, was raised to the aldermanic bench in 1936 and was elected Mayor the same year. In recent years he had played a prominent part in the town's publicity campaigns.

Those present at the service in a Methodist Church, which preceded the interment included the Mayor and Mayoress, members and officials of the local Town Council, Freemasons, representatives of the Women's Voluntary Services, Borough Police Force, National Fire Service, Sea Cadet Corps, Ambulance Corps, Rotary Club, the Methodist and other religious denominations, the Chamber of Commerce, the Pioneer Society and the Collector of Taxes. Mr. Frank Woolley, the former Kent and England cricketer, and his wife and daughter were also present.

"Hear my prayer" (Mendelssohn), Largo from Dvorak's New World Symphony and "O rest in the Lord" (Mendelssohn) were played on the organ and the hymns were "The King of love my Shepherd is" and "God of the living, in Whose eyes."

Members of the police force carried the coffins.

The Minister, paying a tribute to Alderman and Mrs. Noble, said the manner of their passing seemed dreadful at first sight, but, as many doctors would say, it was more merciful than many other ways of dying. Alderman and Mrs. Noble had both filled positions of trust and it was difficult adequately to praise their work.

The chief mourners were Alderman Noble's relatives, Lt. Alan Noble, R.N.V.R. (son), Miss Stella M. Noble, W.R.N.S. (daughter), Mrs. E. W. Noble (daughter-in-law), Mrs. M. Coit, Mrs. N. Pay and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ovenden; Mrs. Noble's relatives, Miss Joan Fasham (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Potts (brother and sister-in-law), Miss M. Fasham and Miss A. Fasham (sisters-in-law), Mrs. White, Mr. F. Carey, Mr. F. Miller, Mr. D. Johnson and Mr. N. Williamson.

MAYOR TAKES OATH

WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR CORNFORD

The Mayor of Margate (Councillor F. J. Cornford) was sworn in as a member of Ramsgate county bench on Tuesday.

Welcoming him, the Chairman (Mr. W. Booth Reeve) said he had known Councillor Cornford for many years and considered him a valuable addition to their public service.

"It will probably open his eyes to the county police," said Mr. Booth Reeve. "It will bring him into contact with them and he will find they are a fine body of men. We are very proud of them."

In conclusion, the Chairman said Councillor Cornford, as Mayor of Margate, would be still more closely associated with the county police than he was at the present moment.

Returning thanks for the welcome, Councillor Cornford said he had known Mr. Booth Reeve for 40 odd years. He remembered Mr. Reeve's work as Mayor of Margate in the last war and he had a fine example to follow.

"You have mentioned the police," he said. "That is a tender point at the moment. I am, however, only going back to an association I had with the county police at Westgate for many years. It was only when the district was amalgamated with Margate that I transferred my acquaintanceship to the borough force."

A welcome was also extended to Councillor Cornford by Inspr. Hann, K.C.C., and Mr. E. W. G. Weale on behalf of the solicitors practicing at the court.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

COMEDY AT THE ODEON

The film version of the famous stage play, "Her Cardboard Lover," starring Norma Shearer and Robert Taylor, heads the bill at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

Comedy reigns supreme in this gay and witty film version of the play by Jacques Deval. It is the tale of a lady who hires a man to keep her from loving another man. All goes well until the rented Romeo takes his job so seriously that he falls in love with the lady himself. George Sanders, Frank McHugh and Elizabeth Patterson are in the supporting cast. "Rise and Shine," with George Murphy and Jack Oakie, another hilarious, crazy comedy, will also be shown.

Romance, comedy, spectacle and song hits old and new are highlights of "My Gal Sal," chief feature for the latter part of the week. It is the story of one of the most fabulous figures of the romantic nineties—Paul Dresser, famous song-writer and spectacular Broadway figure, when he was at the peak of his career. The picture's powerful romantic theme revolves around Dresser's great love for Sally Elliott, glamorous stage star, who inspired him to write what is probably his most famous song, "My Gal Sal." The noteworthy cast includes Rita Hayworth, Victor Mature, John Sutton and Carol Landis. "Brooklyn Orchid," with William Bendix, will also be shown.

POLICE WIN AGAIN

In a shooting match on Wednesday, Ramsgate Police defeated Ebbsfleet Home Guard by 291 points to 228.

Ebbsfleet H.G.—R. T. Milham 19 and 10, A. Stubbings 18 and 5, R. Stubbings 17 and 15, R. C. Milham 15 and 0, W. Milham 20 and 16, F. Milham 18 and 5, C. Hook 20 and 15, W. Page 20 and 15;

Ramsgate Police—D/C Oram 20 and 20, P/C Shanahan 20 and 19, P/C Housden 20 and 15, S/C Fearn 20 and 17, S/C Luckett 19 and 15, W/R Scott 20 and 15, W/R Marvell 18 and 15, S/C Page 20 and 18.

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BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

The interest of our County Commissioner, Brig.-Gen. W. E. Clark, C.M.G., D.S.O., in this Scout Column is alone responsible for the change of its title. Although he lives at Chislehurst, his keen concern for Scouting in the coastal areas and our activities as we record them month by month in the column are a source of satisfaction to both the C.C. and ourselves on this island outpost, and our more official sounding title only is intended to convey to the reader who is outside the actual circle of Scouting that it has definite status and connection with the movement.

Additional appointments as badge examiners:

Signaller's badge and 1st Class Signalling—Yeoman of Signals Tanner.

Electrician's badge—Mr. S. Burrows, 7 Cannonbury-road, Ramsgate;

Athlete's badge—Mr. A. Bailey, 72 Manston-road, Ramsgate.

War Service Scouts.—During the next fortnight the first War Service Scouts armlets will be worn by local Scouts, and two of the 1st St. Lawrence War Service Scout Patrol are, in addition to qualifying for their armlet, also well on the way for their 1st Class Scout badge. During the signalling test for 1st Class they managed a speed of 35 letters per minute semaphore, sending and receiving, which is qualifying rate for the Signaller's badge. The War Service Scouts armlet is worn round the left arm, above the elbow.

County Training Camps.—At the county training camp held at the end of January at Tovil, near Maidstone, about 30 to 40 Scouts came from all parts of the county—three came from Croydon, Surrey. One patrol leader went up from Ramsgate, P.L. John Beadle, 1st St. Lawrence. The Tovil Scouts H.Q. was used instead of tents for sleeping, but otherwise the Scouts lived in the open-air. The weather was remarkably fine, but rather on the frosty side—the washing water froze when splashed over. Mr. Jack Dorgan, the Field Commissioner, was again in fine form, and the event was pretty energetic. The whole time was spent in training, and the cooking was done by some of the local Scouts. The O/C cooking was none other than our old friend Mr. John Groom, in normal times A.D.C. for Sea Scouts of this association. His presence is easily explained by the fact that he is on war work at Maidstone.

Two more county training camps have been arranged, one for North Kent at Dartford on 20th-21st March, and the other for our end of the county at Bishopsbourne, near Bridge, on 27th-28th March. The courses run from 16.30 Saturday until 18.00 Sunday. Only Scouts and Rovers between 15 and 18 are eligible. Send your name, address and date of birth to T. G. Bincham, A.C.C., Ebbor House, East Farleigh, Maidstone, before 8th March.

I hope that we shall have at least half a dozen Scouts going up from Ramsgate. No tentage or messing equipment has to be taken. If you go, have a good look around the Bishopsbourne Scout H.Q.—a real Canadian-type log cabin building, which was constructed by the Scouts themselves.

Badge Re-examination.—Certain proficiency badges are liable in normal circumstances to annual re-examination. These include the ambulance, interpreter, pathfinder and signaller, etc. All Scouts who qualified for any of the badges which in the interests of efficiency are liable for annual re-examination and who gained the badge prior to July, 1941, must present themselves for re-examination within one month, or cease to wear the badge.

Although most of the local troops only re-started about last July, we are all working to send up a contribution to the B.P. Memorial Fund. In local headquarters there is a poster with a fine photo of our Chief, about 12 x 15, underneath is the inscription "We will build a house, and we will dedicate it to the B.P. way of life, as a memorial to our founder and first Chief Scout, Lord Baden Powell." Last Wednesday, the 5th Ramsgate organised a concert at the West Cliff, with the aid of some of the parents, while the other troops are working in different ways, the Ramsgate Central Composite collecting salvage, while the 1st St. Lawrence are running whist drives among the parents and friends and also collecting salvage. For duration of hostilities the whole of the fund will be invested in national securities and thus do a double good work. As Imperial Headquarters consists solely of administrative offices, there is no central hostel in London where a Scout going to London for work or education or sight-seeing can spend his leisure when unaccompanied. Here also will be a space set aside for many of those things closely associated with B.P. in his long and useful life, unique for its double success. Most of us in the movement do not know much about Mafeking celebrations and his Army career, but we have the privilege of belonging to a brotherhood which has grown to world-wide proportions, founded after his work as a soldier was completed, but achieved none the less in its founder's lifetime. It is up to us and all old Scouts to build a memorial fitting in usefulness and service, for the generations that follow us.

I have been asked if any relative or friend can send any further information of Gordon John Waller, an old Scout of the 12th Ramsgate (Chatham House) Group, reported missing after an operational flight.

Our District Scoutmaster, now Flg./Off. J. Laverton, R.A.F., has sent a letter to us telling Ramsgate Scouts he is glad that news of the good work being done locally has reached him in his present station some hundreds of miles away somewhere in England. As one would expect, he says very little about his good work training night fighter pilots. He is extremely fit and his only grouse is that the authorities consider him too old for operational flying.

C.F.W.

RAMSGATE FORCES CLUB

Ramsgate is well-known for the hospitality it extends to the troops stationed in the district and now it is going a step further in this direction.

Several local organisations, including the Toc H branch, the W.V.S. and the Rotary Club, with great assistance from the clergymen of the town, have co-operated to discuss a means of making the lot of the servicemen and women a happier one, and as a result of their efforts the Ramsgate Forces' Club has been formed.

The Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), who is the local welfare officer for the troops, was approached and has accepted the chairmanship of the club.

Very shortly it is expected that premises situated in the centre of Ramsgate will be taken over as the club premises, the facilities of which will include a canteen and a rest room. They will be open to members of the men's and women's services.

The organisation of the club is now well advanced, with Mr. R. J. L. Clean, manager of the Ramsgate branch of Lloyds Bank Ltd., as treasurer, and a public meeting has been called by the Mayor to take place at Clarendon House on Thursday at 3 p.m. All who are interested in the project are invited to attend.

DIED IN LIBYA

Pte. Edward James Bean, Queen's Royal Regiment, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. Peall, of Trenly, Gordon-road, Westwood, has died of wounds in Libya.

His home was at New Southgate. Nine months ago he married at St. John's Church, Margate.

Pte. Bean's wife is a lance-corporal in the A.T.S.

MINISTRY OF FUEL AND POWER ANNOUNCEMENT

COAL SUPPLIES DURING JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH

NOTICE TO HOUSEHOLDERS

and occupiers of other premises controlled under the Fuel and Lighting Registration and Distribution Order, 1942 (except Hospitals and Schools)

1. **COAL** (other than those grades specified in 2 and 3 below).

   Supplies to any controlled premises may not without licence from the Local Fuel Overseer exceed **15 cwt.** during the three months, and no supplies may be acquired at any premises while the stock exceeds **10 cwt.**

2. **COKE of sizes not exceeding 1in., Anthracite and Welsh dry steam coal of sizes not exceeding 1½in., and all manufactured fuels.**

   Supplies to any controlled premises of fuels in this group may not without licence exceed in all **10 cwt. in each month,** and no supplies may be acquired at any premises while the total stock of such fuels exceeds **10 cwt.**

3. **COKE of sizes exceeding 1in., and Anthracite and Welsh dry steam coal of sizes exceeding 1½in.**

   Supplies to any controlled premises of fuels in this group may not without licence exceed in all **one ton in each month** and no supplies may be acquired at any premises while the total stock of such fuels exceeds **one ton.**

Except under a licence from the Local Fuel Overseer it is an offence against the Defence Regulations to exceed these quantities, or to acquire these fuels from anyone other than the licensed merchant or coke producer with whom the premises have been duly registered.

Consumers are reminded that the above quantities are maximum quantities and not rations to which they are entitled. The quantity that can be delivered to any premises will depend on the state of local supply, and is everywhere subject to priority being given to consumers without stocking facilities.

LOCAL FUEL OVERSEERS FOR THE ABOVE AREAS:

Ramsgate—	Margate, Westgate & Birchington—	Eastry and District—	Broadstairs and St. Peter's—
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COAST DEFENDERS ENTERTAIN

SUCCESSFUL RAMSGATE CONCERT

A successful and well-attended entertainment was presented at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Wednesday, by members of a Coast Defence Battery.

A number of the performers were professional artistes and they recently gave a broadcast from London in the "Ack-ack Beer-beer" programme.

The leading spirit was Bdr. Bor, who is a talented violinist and who had collected together a small band which contributed several items that gained considerable applause from the large audience present. Vocal items, humorous turns and comic sketches also earned appreciation and hearty laughter. A series of clever character impersonations was given by Mr. Castle—a local performer—and he was accompanied on the piano by Miss Duckett.

The whole of the organisation and publicity was managed by Mr. F. Warden, ably assisted by Mrs. Warden, and the proceeds are to be shared between the funds of the 5th Ramsgate Troop B.P. Boy Scouts and the National Memorial Fund to Lord Baden Powell.

During the interval the Scouts—who had been acting as stewards—appeared on the stage and the Scoutmaster, Mr. R. J. W. Woodward, expressed their gratitude to the Commanding Officer of the Coast Defence Battery for giving permission for the party to appear, and to the artistes and organisers for their generous efforts on behalf of the boys. He emphasised the fact that the Scouts were not a cadet corps but a "brotherhood of service through woodcraft"—a band of boys who had made a very big promise and were doing their utmost to carry it out. They would be some of the leaders of the future. Looking at them one saw Lord Baden Powell's truest memorial, but it had been decided to build in London a central meeting house and hostel for Scouts of all nations, classes and creeds in order to foster the founder's ideal of brotherhood.

HARNESSING SCIENCE TO FARM PRACTICE

Britain is fortunate in having a strong tradition of good farming, which explains the remarkable expansion of food production we see on all sides to-day. We had great reserves to draw upon. Whether the ordinary small farmer realises it or not, the lessons of research are being applied wholesale to British farming to-day, generally by persuasion, but, if necessary, by direction.

Until now our system of agricultural education has scarcely touched the ordinary farmer. He felt that research and science were beyond his ken. To-day there are wholesale methods of spreading knowledge among farmers; for instance, last year the Ministry of Agriculture sent out 2,700,000 leaflets, giving up-to-date advice on a wide range of every-day farming problems. The latest link in the chain between research worker and farmer is the War Agricultural Committee. The farmer with 50 or 100 acres, who missed the chance of technical, institutional training, listens readily to the local committee man, who comes round periodically to discuss his cropping and advise him. Not all committee members are college trained, but they are progressive farmers and can always call on the committees' technical staffs to supplement their own actual experience. This is a rough and ready way of getting lessons on agricultural science across to the ordinary farmer. He and the nation benefit by getting better crops, higher milk yields and greater production all round.

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POLICE OFFICER INJURED

SEQUEL TO MINSTER COLLISION

A collision between a car and a motor cycle, in which a police officer was injured at Minster, had a sequel at Ramsgate county police court on Tuesday.

The driver of the car, Alfred Cecil Knight, a clerk of works, of Monkton-road, Minster, was summoned for driving without due care and attention on 3rd January.

Mr. E. W. G. Weale, prosecuting, said defendant was driving his car down Tothill-street, Minster, just after midday on 3rd January and as he approached the junction of Foxborough-lane, W/R Harty came out of the turning on his motor cycle. The motor cyclist's view up the hill extended to about 50 yards and thinking that no traffic was approaching, he continued his journey by turning left towards the village. He was about to open out his machine again when there was a terrific impact in the rear and he remembered no more.

W/R William Henry Harty said that as he approached the junction of Foxborough-lane and Tothill-street he reduced his speed to about five miles per hour. He could see nothing coming down Tothill-street and turned left to the village. As he was opening out again he heard two people on the opposite side of the road shout a warning. There was a heavy impact and he was knocked from his machine and injured. From the time of turning the corner to being struck he was on his nearside of the road.

Anthony George Smith, a colliery pump attendant, of Tothill-terrace, Minster, said he was standing directly opposite Foxborough-lane with L/Cpl. Evans when he saw the motor cyclist approaching. He reduced his speed and took the corner. A car came down Tothill-street at 35 to 40 miles per hour and was about 50 to 60 yards away when W/R Harty turned into the road. Defendant's car struck the motor cycle in the rear and then swerved to the right. The motor cycle was thrown into the air and the car continued for about 20 yards. The motor cyclist could have done nothing to avoid the accident.

L/Cpl. Francis Robert Evans gave corroborative evidence.

P/S Wilkinson, K.C.C., stationed at Minster, said that shortly after the accident defendant made a statement to him in which he said that as he approached Foxborough-lane he saw the motor cyclist and pulled out to avoid him. He did not pull out far enough, however, and the front number plate of his car caught the rear of the machine and turned it over. He estimated that he was travelling down Tothill-street at about 30 miles per hour.

The police officer said there were a number of cuts in the road extending over a distance of 65ft. The distance the motor cyclist could see up Tothill-street while on the white line at the end of Foxborough-lane was about 50 yards. A building obscured the view beyond that point.

Defendant, who pleaded not guilty, said he considered he had the right of the road. His number plate and one of the front wings were dented and he contended that the damage would have been greater had he been travelling at 35 to 40 miles per hour as had been stated. He estimated his speed at the time of the impact at about 12 miles per hour. He had been driving cars for 20 years and had never been in trouble with the police before.

The magistrates imposed a fine of £1, plus 10s. 4d. witnesses' costs and £1 1s. advocate's fee.

BROADSTAIRS TEMPLAR OFFICERS

Mrs. L. A. Ware was elected to succeed Mr. T. E. McCabe as Chief Templar when the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., held their quarterly session at the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday.

Other officers appointed for the ensuing term included: Vice-Templar, Miss B. Whiteley; secretary, Mr. A. B. Impett; assistant secretary, Mrs. A. Hawes; financial secretary, Mrs. N. McCabe; treasurer, Mr. T. E. McCabe; chaplain, Mrs. B. Harrison; marshal, Mrs. H. Whiteley; guard, Miss Rixon; sentinel, Mrs. Vass; hon. chaplain, Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie; representatives to attend East Kent District Lodge Session at Canterbury on 20th February, Mrs. N. McCabe and Mrs. B. Harrison; representatives to Thanet Templar Convention, Mrs. L. A. Ware, Miss Rixon and Mrs. Hawes; D.G.C.T., Mr. T. E. McCabe; S.E.W., Mrs. L. A. Ware.

A special welcome was extended to Mr. P. Cottle and other visitors included Mr. J. Ward, Mrs. R. A. Wyatt, P.D.V.T., Mrs. Isaacs and Mrs. B. Lowe.

HOLIDAY CAMP SITE

PLANNING POST-WAR RAMSGATE

Ramsgate Town Council have agreed in principle to the reservation of a site for development as a holiday camp after the war.

The Minister of Works and Planning has been instructed by the Government to guide the formulation by local authorities in England and Wales of town and country planning schemes which will adequately reflect the national policy for urban and rural development.

In order to facilitate collaboration with local authorities the Minister is appointing planning officers, with headquarters at convenient centres, to help and advise them. A planning officer has already been appointed for the South-Eastern Region, with headquarters at Tunbridge Wells.

Already there are four town planning schemes for the borough of Ramsgate in various stages of preparation, three of them being in the draft scheme stage, and the Council possess interim development powers.

The Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) has reported to the Works Committee of the Council that collaboration with local authorities by the Regional Planning Officer has already been effected and that informal discussions have taken place at a conference of technical officers of local authorities of coastal areas in East Kent attended by the Regional Planning Officer upon the subject of the future development of such coastal areas and the preservation of their amenities.

Plans Called For.

The Regional Planning Officer has called for the submission within the next four weeks of a plan referenced to show existing amenities and zones of development for the future. The Borough Engineer is taking steps to furnish such information to the Regional Planning Officer, which so far as future development is concerned, will in the main be based upon the existing planning schemes covering the borough.

The Borough Engineer has, however, sought the views of the committee with regard to the reservation of land for future development for the following purposes: (a) a holiday camp, (b) parking places, and (c) industrial development.

With regard to item (a) the committee are agreed in principle that such reservation for future development of land in the area is essential, but they feel that in selecting the site, which they are advised should be about 20 acres, built up areas should be avoided.

With regard to item (b) this largely depends upon future development in the centre of the town, e.g., the Leopold-street Clearance Area, and the committee have asked the Borough Engineer to put forward proposals in the light of such development as anticipated.

With regard to item (c), the only industrial zone at present provided for in the town planning schemes is in the Haine district, and the committee have expressed to the Borough Engineer the view that he should provide for any extension of such zone in the same locality or elsewhere as he may consider to be advisable.

The Council on Thursday confirmed the action of the committee.

Miss Costerton Injured

IN SOUTH-EAST RAID

Miss Barbara Costerton, of Ramsgate, who in peace-time gained county fame in the tennis world, was among those injured in a sharp air attack on a south-east town on Wednesday.

She is the daughter of Mr. R. J. Costerton, the Ramsgate Entertainments Manager, who is also billeting and evacuation officer for the town.

Miss Costerton was standing in the hall of a house on the outskirts of the town attacked when a bomb dropped on the opposite side of the road. The building was totally wrecked and Miss Costerton was severely cut about the head and face. Although bleeding profusely, she tried to assist other victims before she was taken to hospital and detained.

An old girl of Clarendon House School, Miss Costerton is a physical training instructress at a school.

Six people were killed in the raid.

MUCH TOO SHY

GEORGE FORMBY AT KING'S

George Formby is at the peak of his comedy form in "Much Too Shy," chief feature at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate to-day and to-morrow.

Whether he is turning the London art world upside down or conducting his own defence in one of the funniest courtroom sequences ever filmed, George is at his gayest and giddiest in exactly the type of role his millions of fans love best. No Formby picture would be complete without its quota of song hits and in "Much Too Shy" George, accompanied by his ukelele sings four brand new numbers. Popular favourites supporting the star are Kathleen Harrison, Hilda Bayley and Joss Ambler, and two delightful screen newcomers in pretty Eileen Bennett and little Jimmy Clitheroe. "Find, Fix and Strike," an exciting story of the Fleet Air Arm, is also being shown.

William Holden and Frances Dee are featured in "Meet the Stewarts," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week. It is a comedy that sparkles with heart-warming glee for when a boy without a penny in his pocket marries a girl without a brain in her head, and they try to live on love and a budget, the result is bound to be appealingly human. The trouble these two get into, and out of, the comments of their respective in-laws, and the antics of their friends all contrive to complicate the normal smoothness of love's true course. "Blue Clay," with Bill Elliott and Iris Meredith, will also be shown.

IN JAPANESE HANDS

The Red Cross have notified Mr. H. T. Solly, of 30 Bird's-avenue, Garlinge, that his son, Cpl. F. T. Solly, R.A.F., is a prisoner of war in Japanese hands.

Mr. Solly had been without news of his son for a year.

Cpl. Solly went to the Far East as a ground gunner in 1941 and had been in Malaya only about three weeks before it fell. He is 35 years of age.

THANET'S FUTURE

Local Government Changes

POSSIBILITY OF AMALGAMATION

The possibility of a joint Thanet scheme for local government is to be investigated.

Sweeping changes in local government are likely to take place after the war and there is no doubt that many smaller authorities will disappear.

It may be that in order to conserve what powers they yet retain the Thanet towns may wish to combine and become one unit for the purposes of administration—that is if the Government would permit them to do so.

A county borough of Thanet has been contemplated on previous occasions but the Government policy at that time was not in favour of creating such authorities. The policy has been, and apparently still is, to merge smaller authorities into larger ones and so reduce the number of administrative units.

The report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, stated that the sub-committee appointed to watch proposals put forward by the Government in connection with the re-organisation of local government reported that two meetings had been held with representatives of other authorities in the Isle of Thanet area and that a Joint Committee of representatives of the boroughs of Margate, Ramsgate and Sandwich, the urban district of Broadstairs and St. Peter's and the rural district of Eastry had been established.

Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., the Member for the Isle of Thanet division, attended the last meeting, and discussed the question of the re-organisation of local government as it is likely to affect the area of the Isle of Thanet.

The Joint Committee have asked the appropriate officers of the constituent authorities to prepare and submit a report upon the question of the re-organisation of local government as it is likely to affect the area of the Isle of Thanet, including the possibility of a joint Thanet scheme for local government.

When this report has been received and considered, the Joint Committee will make their report to the constituent authorities.

Uncompromising Hostility

COUNCIL AND EDUCATION CHANGES

Ramsgate Council has expressed its "uncompromising hostility" to any proposal for the abolition of large numbers of education authorities before enquiry and report has been made by an impartial body as to what is a suitable unit of education administration.

It is generally accepted that the Government intend to introduce in Parliament in the near future a Bill which will affect the powers and duties of local authorities who are also education authorities.

At the request of the Education Committee, Ramsgate Council on Thursday recorded their belief "that it is in the interests of educational progress that Part III authorities should not suffer diminution of status; on the contrary the record of progressive and efficient administration of many of them justifies an extension of powers."

The Council also expressed approval of the proposal for a unification of post-primary education from the age of 11 plus, but saw in such proposal no justification for a reduction in the number of authorities.

CANADIAN SOLDIER KILLED

LORRIES COLLIDE AT MINSTER

For nearly six hours Ramsgate Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson), assisted by a jury, on Wednesday heard evidence concerning the death in a motoring accident of a Canadian soldier.

The inquest was on Elgin McIvor, aged 27, a sapper in the Royal Canadian Engineers, who sustained fatal injuries when two Army vehicles collided in Monkton-road, Minster, on Monday afternoon.

McIvor was a passenger in a 15-cwt. lorry being driven from Sarre to Ramsgate by Spr. Jalbert E. Uhlman, Royal Canadian Engineers, which collided with a 30-cwt. lorry being driven from Minster to Monkton by Albert Edward Haynes, a gunner in the Royal Artillery.

There was some conflict of evidence as to the position of the vehicles on the road at the time of the accident and the members of the jury inspected the two lorries.

It transpired that Haynes was not a very experienced motorist, having driven for only three months.

Returning a verdict of "Accidental Death," the jury expressed the view that greater care should have been taken by the drivers of both vehicles, and particularly by Haynes.

RAMSGATE HOSPITAL EXTENSIONS FUND

During January the amount subscribed to the Ramsgate General Hospital Extensions Appeal Fund increased by £72 1s. 3d. to a total of £10,774 4s. 1d.

In addition to a gift of £30 5s. from the Rotary Club already referred to in our columns, the donations included: Mr. L. Grace, Ealing (fifth gift), £3; Rev. P. M. Townend, £1 1s.; Miss T. S. Quick, £1 1s.; J.A.F., 2s. Proceeds of sale of salvage amounted to £2 3s. 7d. and £34 8s. 8d. was earned in interest and dividends on money invested in the war effort. In addition £5 was received from the "K" Laundry and 14s. 5d. from Major A. J. H. Taylor in redemption of promises made.

COPYING HITLER

COUNCILLOR LASHES HOME SECRETARY

POLICE AMALGAMATION

A strongly worded protest against the manner in which the amalgamation of police forces in Kent was being brought about was made by Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel at Thursday's meeting of Ramsgate Town Council.

The report of the Watch Committee contained extracts from a letter from the Home Office announcing the intention of the Home Secretary to amalgamate all police forces in Kent, details of which have already been published in the ADVERTISER & ECHO.

Councillor Harcourt Samuel said he was one of those entrusted with the negotiations with the Home Office and he thought it was only right that he should give to the Council some account of his stewardship. The Council already knew that they failed in the representations which they made.

"We failed because it was most evident that the Home Secretary's mind was already made up," said Councillor Harcourt Samuel. "He promised that there should be full consultation with the local authorities concerned. I don't think that promise has ever been truly fulfilled. What was arranged was a mass meeting of representatives of the nine boroughs in Kent, together with the standing joint committee of the county force. We were received by Mr. Morrison's understudy, Sir Alexander Maxwell, and we listened to a very long speech from that gentleman. We had comparatively little time in which to put our own views. I call that a travesty of the promise of consulation."

War An Excuse.

Councillor Harcourt Samuel said they had, however, managed to save just a little from the wreckage and the Home Secretary was amending the Order so that the joint authority could delegate some of its powers to the constituent authorities such as their own.

There was a suspicion that the war was being made an excuse to bring about something which the Home Office officials had wanted for a long time. In 1932 a proposal that police powers should be taken away from boroughs of less than 75,000 population came before a Select Committee of the House of Commons. The Select Committee rejected that proposal and decided that non-county boroughs with a population of 30,000 or more should continue to have their own police forces. The Home Office could have introduced legislation taking away police powers from the smaller non-county boroughs but they had never done so. He thought the inference was that they had been waiting their opportunity to get what they wanted and that opportunity came with the war. They had taken it with both hands and had found a Home Secretary who was prepared to carry their baby.

A Gestapo ?

"They are achieving one more step on the road to centralisation of government which inevitably means bureaucracy and which produces totalitarianism," said Councillor Harcourt Samuel. "It is obvious that the standing committee is an undemocratic body for half the membership is not truly representative of the people. I can't help asking myself if this is going to end in a Gestapo. I resent the foisting of this amalgamation upon us with the war as an excuse."

Councillor Harcourt Samuel said they also resented the way in which the Home Secretary obtained his powers, which was by Order in Council. When the House had before it a prayer for the annulment of the Order Mr. Morrison came along with assurances that he did not intend any drastic action. He promised, to use his own words, reasonableness, tolerance and public spirit. On those assurances being given the prayer was withdrawn. When Mr. Morrison's proposals came to light it was seen that they went far beyond the terms and promises and assurances which Mr. Morrison had given. Mr. Morrison admitted that at a time when it was not possible to debate the matter. When some Kent M.Ps. put down a motion for discussion suggesting that Mr. Morrison had exceeded his promises it was conveniently found that there was not time for debate.

Parliamentary Trickery.

"I call that Parliamentary trickery and I resent it," said Councillor Harcourt Samuel. "I can only say that local authorities can now no longer rely upon any promises given by Mr. Morrison."

Recalling that Mr. Morrison had power to order the amalgamation if he considered it necessary in connection with naval, military or air operations, Councillor Harcourt Samuel said the Home Secretary had decided it was necessary but he had not given any reasons. He had not replied to the weighty argument of the local authorities. The local authorities had the best experience of what happened in an emergency. They had a test at the time of Dunkirk when their police organisation was all out, and they came through with flying colours. He knew that Mr. Morrison was not bound to give them reasons for his action but he thought if he had a case and he was a reasonable man he would have wished to do so. The difference between democracy and dictatorship was that under dictatorship orders were issued without reasons being given.

"Is Mr. Morrison fighting Hitler or copying Hitler?" asked Councillor Harcourt Samuel. "I resent dictatorship of any sort whether from across the water or in these islands. We are reasonable people prepared to listen to reason but no reasons have been given us. We have not been treated in a reasonable way."

The Acid Test.

Continuing, Councillor Harcourt Samuel said no official order had yet been made and the nine boroughs were uniting to ask the Home Secretary that when the official order was made there should be in it a clause automatically revoking the amalgamation six months after the armistice was signed between the belligerents in Europe. They were told that the amalgamation was for war purposes only so this proposal would be an acid test of the good faith of the Home Secretary. If a change in the police administration was really necessary they would be the last people to stand out against it although they had had their own police force for a hundred years.

Concluding, Councillor Harcourt Samuel said they had to ask themselves whether the winning of the war might not result in the loss of many of those things which they were fighting to preserve.

Alderman C. R. Woodhams expressed the view that the amalgamation was long overdue and he thought it was unfair for Councillor Harcourt Samuel to attack Mr. Morrison.

Councillor P. Turner said if they were quite satisfied that the amalgamation was really a measure which would contribute to the winning of the war they would not have opposed it. If it had been brought about two years ago when the danger of invasion was a real one they might have felt it was necessary. He thought it was probably only the thin end of the wedge and he did not think the powers would be given back to the boroughs when the war was over. It seemed that while millions of men and women were away fighting and working on munitions an attempt was being made to reduce the powers of the electorate.

Alderman A. E. Petley, chairman of the Watch Committee, paid a high tribute to Ramsgate police force but said he did not consider the public were concerned about the amalgamation.

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CLEAN SHEET

SOBER RURAL DISTRICT

There have been no cases of drunkenness in the Ramsgate county area since 1938, according to the police report presented at the annual licensing meeting on Tuesday.

Inspr. Hann, K.C.C., read the report of the superintendent, which stated that there were now eight fully licensed houses in the area, one beer on license and one grocer's license. The population of the district was now 4,218 and, excluding the grocer's license, this meant an average of one to every 469 people. One licensed house had been allowed to close for the duration of the war and none had been proceeded against. All the houses had been well conducted throughout the year and there had been no proceedings for drunkenness since 1938.

The Chairman (Mr. W. Booth Reeve) said the bench thoroughly congratulated the licensees on the excellent manner in which they conducted their houses and he hoped 1943 would bring the same result.

All the licenses were renewed.

25,000 BOOKS

The Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) has reported to the Works Committee of Ramsgate Town Council that as a result of the local book recovery campaign the target figure of 15,000 was substantially exceeded and it was anticipated that the final figure would be in the neighbourhood of 25,000.

The Council have placed on record their appreciation of the zeal displayed by those associated with the organisation of the effort, and particularly the members of the W.V.S., Mr. J. Blinko, who had charge of the central receiving depot and who carried out the work of sorting, allocating and despatching the books, the local military authorities, and Councillor P. Turner for his help in connection with the participation of the schools in the campaign.

AND THE COW SAID ?

Extract from report of the Public Health Committee, approved by Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday:

The Senior Sanitary Inspector reported that sample of milk No. 37 was certified by the analyst to be deficient in fat to the extent of 8 per cent. A follow-up "appeal to the cow" sample had been taken and this sample was reported to be genuine by the analyst.

Resolved that the Town Clerk be authorised to take all necessary proceedings against the vendor of sample of milk No. 37.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Asst.-Cook Robert E. Stock, of Liverpool-lawn, Ramsgate, is among the men who were saved from the crew of H.M.S. Louvain, which was sunk last month. Mr. Stock was a member of the Constitutional Club.

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Pte. L. Conway, London Regiment, of Guildford-lawn, Ramsgate, was home on leave from France during the week. Before joining the Army he was on three vessels that were torpedoed and he was once taken prisoner by the Germans.

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Pte. Leonard Frederick Mirams, of 140 Southwood-road, Ramsgate, has been killed in France. He was only 19 years of age and was an old St. Lawrence schoolboy.

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Pte. Edward Martin, of the Sportsman's Battalion, has been released from Germany and is now in England. He lives in High-street, Margate, and had some thrilling experiences after joining the colours in 1915.

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Miss Edith M. Payne, eldest daughter of the late P/C Payne, of Ramsgate borough police force, has been awarded the Royal Red Cross medal.

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Lt. Frewen Moor, son of Dr. Moor, of Apley House, Westgate, has gained the Military Cross for gallantry at the front. He led a party through No Man's Land with conspicuous bravery and succeeded in holding a new portion of the line which was being heavily shelled by the enemy. During the attack Lt. Moor was once buried up to the neck and was extricated with difficulty.

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Pte. A. E. Young, A.S.C., whose wife lives at 7 Eagle-hill, Ramsgate, writes from Italy that they are having a lot of rain and are "up to the neck in mud."

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The Rev. T. I. Evans, curate of Westgate Parish Church, has offered his services as chaplain to the forces. Mr. Evans has already done a great deal of work among the soldiers.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

CONSERVATIVE CHAIRMAN

Mr. A. Bromley Burrows was elected chairman at the annual meeting of the Ramsgate Conservative Association on Tuesday. In accepting office Mr. Burrows said that some people seemed to suppose that because he had accepted a public office he ought to give up the chairmanship. He did not himself see, however, why the clerk to the justices should not be as much entitled to his political opinions as the justices themselves and, as they knew, there were gentlemen on the bench who took a very prominent part on both sides. Mr. G. Chapman was re-elected vice-chairman and in consequence of the resignation of Mr. T. J. Dutton from the office of secretary, Mr. H. C. Newlyn was appointed. The vacancy caused on the committee by the resignation of Mr. H. H. Green was filled by Mr. Hogben. The annual report referred to the great increase in the majority at the general election.

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RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Chamber of Commerce Annual.—The annual meeting of Ramsgate Chamber of Commerce and Advancement Association is to be held at the Employment Exchange, Chapel-place, Ramsgate, on Tuesday next, 16th February.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Death of Mr. F. W. Sadler.—The death has occurred at Southborough of Mr. Frank William Sadler, who formerly resided at The Retreat, Marlborough-road, Ramsgate. Mr. Sadler was 86 years of age.

Petrol Consumption.—Petrol consumption by Ramsgate Civil Defence vehicles for December showed an increase of 37 gallons compared with the previous month, but this is mainly due to the use of Civil Defence vehicles for the transport of school children to the Hereson British Restaurant for midday meals.

Ramsgate Savings.—War savings in Ramsgate during the week ended 30th January reached an outstanding total of £21,529. The sum was made up of savings certificates £1,026, defence bonds £170, 3 per cent. savings bonds £500 and deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank £19,833.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Death of Brig. Stewart.—The death on active service last month has been announced of Brig. Guy Stewart, Royal Engineers, son of the late Mr. R. B. Stewart, I.C.S., and Mrs. Stewart, of Ramsgate and 26 Tower-road, Hereford. Brig. Stewart, whose home is at Camberley, flew with the Prime Minister to Washington last summer.

Playing Cards Wanted.—A tank brigade serving with the Home Forces has appealed to the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) for playing cards for the men. It is almost impossible to obtain playing cards and people with packs for which they have no further use are invited to send them to the Mayor at Clarendon House. The Mayor will see that they are safely delivered to the men of the forces.

Sudden Death.—Shortly after leaving the Anderson shelter in the garden of her home on Tuesday evening, Mrs. Jessie Frances Turner, aged 72, of 120 Margate-road, Ramsgate, collapsed and died. The circumstances were reported to Ramsgate Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) but as death was due to natural causes an inquest was not considered necessary. Mrs. Turner was the wife of Mr. Thomas Forwood Turner, a retired greengrocer.

Mother Fined.—Mrs. Edith May Ross, of St. George's-road, Ramsgate, was fined 5s. at Ramsgate police court on Monday for failing to send her child, Patricia, regularly to school. Mr. James Hackett, school enquiry officer, said that for a period of ten weeks ending 22nd January the child made only 58 attendances out of a possible 98. Defendant told the magistrates that she had to keep the girl away to look after the other children while she went out shopping.

MR. HARGRAVES' ZEAL

COUNCIL SATISFIED WITH DANCE TERMS

The Sands and Entertainments Committee of Ramsgate Council, after examining figures for the year ended 31st December last, have expressed themselves satisfied with the financial arrangements made with Mr. Frederic Hargraves in respect of dances held at the West Cliff Theatre.

"The committee feel," stated the report presented to the Council on Thursday, "that much of the success achieved is due to the zeal shown by Mr. Hargraves, on occasions under trying war-time conditions."

The Council authorised a continuance of the dances on similar terms which provide, after certain charges and prime costs have been met, for 60 per cent. of the balance of receipts to Mr. Hargraves and 40 per cent. to the Corporation.

The men's lavatory accommodation at the theatre is being improved at an estimated cost of £175.

FUEL WASTE

When Constance Jones, who resides at a flat in Northdown-road, Margate, was fined £1 at Margate police court on Wednesday for displaying an unscreened light in unoccupied premises, she was also summoned for wasting fuel.

The second summons, which was the first of its kind to come before the bench, was dismissed with a caution. The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said it was not a very serious case but the public should know that it was an offence to use any kind of fuel which was not really necessary.

More Work For Ambulance

FEWER TO DO IT

Although the needs of the forces and industry have robbed the Ramsgate Town Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade of much of its personnel, its work has greatly increased during the past 12 months.

The greater calls which have been made on the division's services are shown in the annual report of its superintendent (Mr. A. Dawson) and secretary (Mr. E. Giraud), which states that the ambulances covered a distance of 13,580 miles in 1942, compared with 6,749½ in the preceding year.

Once again it has been impossible to hold an annual meeting owing to war difficulties.

The report refers with regret to the passing of the divisional surgeon, Dr. McShane, "who will always be remembered as a keen worker for the division," and states that his place has been taken by Dr. D. P. Crawford, who is giving interesting lectures to the members every third Tuesday of the month.

The division has also lost the services of 21 members who have joined the forces and 13 who have left on other work, while 15 are engaged in Civil Defence duties and one is in the National Fire Service. This means a serious loss out of a total muster of 53. Ptes. Digweed and Smithers have been drafted to a mobile first-aid unit and Ambulance Officer Ireland and Cpl. Goodban have been "released to industry" and drafted to Coventry. Another member, Pte. Hodgman, is in the R.A.F. Air-Sea Rescue Service.

On Loan.

Continuing, the report says "Owing to increased work and the condition of our ambulances which, unfortunately, we are unable to get repaired or renewed during the 'spot of bother,' we have been granted another B.R.C.S. and St. J. ambulance. These cars, of which we now have two, are only loaned to us for the period of the war—a fact which we should like to bring to the notice of the townspeople. We are hoping to be able to make a fresh start later on with two new and completely up-to-date ambulances. Perhaps some kind person has a medium horse-power car of long wheel base that is laid up and would donate it to this division for conversion to an ambulance. We should be most grateful."

Removal of patients for long or short distances is still available at very moderate charges but all distances over 20 miles can only be undertaken on the production of a doctor's certificate. This ruling was received from headquarters in order to conserve petrol and rubber.

Another little-known service of the division is the provision of crutches and other sick-bed requisites which may be hired from the ambulance station in Cavendish-street for a few coppers a week.

During 1942 members of the division carried out 754 removals, treated 205 casualties and 358 service cases.

BROADSTAIRS

Book Campaign.—So far about 1,000 books have been collected in Broadstairs and St. Peter's for the forces, blitzed libraries and salvage. The work of collecting them is being undertaken by the wardens' service and two shops—one in High-street, Broadstairs, and the other in Church-street, St. Peter's—have been opened as depots.

Savings Leap.—After a considerable drop the previous week the amount invested in war savings in Broadstairs and St. Peter's for the week ended 30th January was the largest since Warship Week last March. The total of £4,733 included savings certificates £448, defence bonds £620, 3 per cent. savings bonds £2,550, 2½ per cent. war bonds £500, and deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank £615.

Funeral of Mr. John Bishop.—The interment was preceded by a service at Queen's-road Baptist Church when the funeral took place at St. Peter's on Thursday of Mr. John Bishop, of 9 Oscar-road, Broadstairs, who died the previous Saturday. Seventy-one years of age, Mr. Bishop, a former printer, came to Broadstairs on his retirement in 1936. He evacuated from the town in 1940 but returned a year ago. Mr. Bishop leaves a widow and one daughter. The church service was conducted by the Minister (the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie).

MINSTER

Public Assistance Representative.—For the third year in succession Councillor W. Loveday has been re-elected as the Minster representative on the Public Assistance Committee for North-East Kent.

£200 Wanted.—Although there is a balance of £258 15s. 3d. on the General Account and the Cemetery Account for the year ending in March, Minster Parish Council are to ask Eastry Rural District Council for a grant of £200.

Removal of Fountain.—The Diamond Jubilee fountain in Church-street, Minster, was moved from its base recently when an Army vehicle collided with it. At Tuesday's meeting of Minster Parish Council the Chairman (Councillor G. M. Norton) said he considered it was unsafe and it was decided to remove the fountain and store it.

Parcels for the Troops.—Since the formation of the Minster Comforts Fund Committee the organisation has sent no fewer than 1,037 parcels and 14 postal orders to local members of the forces. This was disclosed at the annual meeting on Tuesday, when Major W. Howard presided. The statement of accounts was presented by the treasurer, Mr. W. Loveday, and showed a balance of £24 17s. 6½d. All the officers were re-elected and Major Howard thanked the committee for their support, particularly Mr. Loveday and Mrs. E. Lucas. It was decided that owing to the difficulty of obtaining comforts for prisoner of war parcels, relatives of the prisoners should each be given 5s. to purchase articles for them.

RAMSGATE SAVINGS

Group savers achieved a notable success in the latest monthly period for which figures are to hand, for, although the month included Christmas, when it would not be altogether surprising if savings fell off a little, no fewer than 11 groups in the town had percentage increases running into three figures. In addition, more than 20 groups showed increased figures.

The King's Theatre group, which has been top once before, did best with the astonishing increase of 679 per cent. over its previous month's figures. Messrs. Wrights were up 385 per cent. and St. Mildred's-road came into the picture for the first time with a 200 per cent. increase. All the following groups deserve mention for their fine work reflected in the percentage increase which is shown in brackets after the name of the group: F. W. Woolworth (170·7), Ramsgate Police (156), Gas and Water (133·3) Food Office (115·8), Thanet Good Templars (115), Boots (110), Ramsgate General Hospital (104·8), Girls' Friendly Society (100).

Licensees Commended

WORTHY OF TOWN'S THANKS

"I don't know if this is due to the increased cost of drink. I prefer to think it is due to the common-sense of the public."

These remarks were made by the Chairman of the Ramsgate licensing justices (Col. E. E. Ogier) at the annual brewster sessions on Friday, when commenting on the fact that, in 1942, only two persons were proceeded against for drunkenness in the district, compared with six the previous year.

The report of the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler), who was unable to be present at the court, stated that of the 131 licensed premises in the town only 79 are open, the remaining 52 being closed owing to war conditions.

The total is made up of 97 alehouses, 4 beer and wine "on," 9 beer "on," 1 wine "off," 8 beer "off" and 12 shopkeepers' "off."

On 31st December last the population was approximately 15,250, so that there were 193 persons to each of the premises then remaining open.

During the year two men, both residents, were proceeded against for drunkenness. The figure is the lowest for many years past.

"Licensed premises generally have been uniformly well-conducted during the year," stated the report.

Tables included in the report showed that of 15 towns in south-eastern England, Ramsgate had the lowest number of proceedings for drunkenness.

Proud Position.

Col. Ogier said the report was an illuminating document and a gratifying feature was the decrease in drunkenness and the bench were delighted to see that Ramsgate was at the top of the table in its absence of proceedings. "We trust it will continue to hold that proud position," he said, "and we feel the licensees and the police are worthy of the town's thanks for achieving this happy result."

Mr. A. R. Young, on behalf of the licensees, thanked Col. Ogier for his remarks and said his clients tried very hard to conduct their business in a proper manner. While getting their reasonable profit, they did not interfere with the good order of the town.

"The town has an exceptionally good body of licensees," said Col. Ogier.

All existing liquor, music and dancing and billiard hall licenses were renewed, and an application to postpone the rebuilding of the Red Lion public-house until after the war was granted.

Mr. G. H. Edwards applied on behalf of Mr. Norman Botley for renewal of the license of the Ramsgate Commercial Hotel for a further 3½ years on the same conditions as before.

After the conditions—that liquor should be sold only to persons residing on the premises or using them for food or attending balls or similar functions—had been read by the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight), Mr. A. R. Young, representing Mr. W. G. Love, of the Woodman Inn, said his client had no objection to the application.

The renewal of the license was granted.

MARGATE HARD HIT

HALF LICENSED PREMISES CLOSED

The hope that during the coming year some of the businesses in the town closed as a result of the war would be re-opened was expressed by the Chairman (Alderman F. L. Pettman) at Margate licensing sessions on Monday.

The report of the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) disclosed that half of the 160 licensed premises in the borough were closed owing to the war situation. They comprised 37 out of 88 alehouses, the only beer-house, 17 out of 19 private hotels and boarding houses, 9 out of 10 restaurants, 5 out of 16 grocers with licenses, 5 out of 10 chemists, 5 out of 15 wholesale dealers and the only refreshment houses possessing a wine license.

During the year the licenses in respect of five hotels, and boarding houses had lapsed.

Six males, all non-residents, were proceeded against for drunkenness last year, two being convicted and four discharged under the Probation of Offenders' Act. One man was convicted for being in charge of a motor vehicle while under the influence of drink.

"The conduct of licensed premises generally has been highly satisfactory," stated the Chief Constable. "One licensed holder was cautioned for a minor infringement."

The Chairman said the Chief Constable's report was very satisfactory, and the justices hoped it would be as good for the current year. He hoped that in 1943 some of the people who had to close their businesses would be able to re-open them and carry on with their licenses. At the moment there were only two licensed hotels or boarding houses in the borough.

"This document of the Chief Constable's will be something to keep as a record to be referred to in years to come," he added, "when those who follow us will be able to see the condition in which the war has placed us. We shall then, probably, get some sympathy, which we have not got at the moment."

Mr. Gustave Reubi, of the Northdown Cafe, Northdown-road, was granted a conditional license to sell beer, wines and spirits to persons taking meals. He had previously held a beer and wine license.

The application was opposed by Mr. A. R. Young, on behalf of the Old Charles Inn, the Bellevue Hotel and the Wheatsheaf.

FOUGHT AT ALAMEIN

WESTGATE SOLDIER'S DEATH

Mr. and Mrs. F. Jefcoate, of 20 Dunstan-avenue, Westgate, have received news that their son, Pte. Ben Jefcoate, East Surrey Regiment, who was wounded in the Battle of El Alamein, has died of injuries received in the action.

He had been in Egypt for only two months.

Twenty-six years of age, Pte. Jefcoate joined the Army soon after the outbreak of war and for two years was stationed in Northern Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jefcoate have four other sons, two in the services and two engaged on war work.

FLT.-SGT. TANNER

O.R'S DEATH IN MIDDLE EAST

An old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, Flt.-Sgt.-Plt. Peter Tanner, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Tanner, of College-road, Margate, has lost his life while on active service in the Middle East.

Flt.-Sgt. Tanner, who was 22 years of age, joined the R.A.F. in July, 1940. He went to the Middle East in December, 1941.

In a recent letter home, Flt.-Sgt. Tanner wrote "I have been away from here for a few days, taking aircraft to within a short distance of the front line. The squadrons up there are having a glorious time, bags of work and fun, and very little opposition. At nearly every aerodrome you pass on the way, you see hundreds of damaged (and even serviceable) enemy aircraft. It is certainly a very pleasing sight."

Flt.-Sgt. Tanner was engaged to be married to Miss Joyce Brealey, a nurse at Margate Hospital.

SCOUTS' THANKS

BADGE FOR COUNCILLOR MRS. F. DUNN

One of the staunchest and most practical supporters of the Boy Scouts in Ramsgate for many years has been Councillor Mrs. F. Dunn.

Her face is very familiar to the local members of the movement and the lads well know the unostentatious ways in which she seeks to help them.

Their gratitude for her work was displayed recently when, at their Sunday morning service held at Norlands House, the Scoutmaster (Mr. R. J. Woodward) handed her the Scouts' Thanks Badge, together with a letter from the Chief Scout (Lord Somers), which read:

"Please accept this little badge—the Thanks Badge of our association. Small as it is, it is a token of sincere gratitude from Boy Scouts."

THE FOOD FRONT

EAT PLENTY OF GREENS AND KEEP AWAY THE BLUES

Added to our super-crop of potatoes, we are now enjoying an abundance of the finest green vegetables we have had for years. The importance of serving plenty of these while we have them cannot be over-stressed. They are rich in mineral salts and vitamins which we need to keep us up to scratch, above all just when we want to feel 100 per cent. fit to make the final effort.

Greens, especially uncooked ones, are an important source of vitamin C, that little fellow that sees to it that we stave off depression, lack of energy, rheumatic pains in our joints, sallow, unlovely skins, lack of resistance to infection and other tiresome fitness-sapping symptoms.

If plain boiled greens begin to bore the family, think up new ways of presenting them. While you are thinking, try these, but **don't forget finely shredded raw greens make the finest salads.**

Creamed Kale

(for 4 people)

2 lbs. of kale
1 tablespoonful of flour
1 teacupful of cooked minced meat or a minced rasher of bacon
2 level tablespoonsful of household milk
1 tablespoonful of margarine
A dash of nutmeg
Salt and pepper

Remove any hard stump or stem. Break the kale into fairly small pieces and cook in salted water until tender. Drain well, chop up roughly and put in the piece of margarine. Shake the pot, then dish up to keep hot. Mix the flour and milk powder smoothly with a pint of kale water, return to the pot and as it cooks and thickens, add the mince, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Pour over the hot kale and serve with jacket potatoes.

Cold Slaw

The Americans know the value of green salads and raw vegetables very well, they have been vitamin-conscious even longer than we have. This is a simple but a great favourite recipe with them.

1 lb. of cabbage
½ teaspoonful of salt
½ pint of thin white sauce
2 teaspoonsful of sugar
3 tablespoonsful of vinegar
1 teaspoonful of mustard
A good shake of pepper

Shred the cabbage very finely, wash it, and dry it thoroughly in a cloth.

Make the white sauce, add the mustard, sugar and salt and pepper, pour it over the shredded cabbage, and toss and mix like a salad. This slaw goes well with hot or cold meat, with hot baked potatoes or with shredded cheese.

National Milk Scheme—Important

Apply to the Food Office this week for authorities for free or 2d. milk for expectant mothers, and free milk for children holding R.B.2 (green book). Take or send the Ration Book when you apply. Expectant mothers must also produce medical certificate. R.B.2 holders not eligible for free supplies of liquid milk need not apply.

LIGHTS IN THE BLACK-OUT

A fine of £2 was imposed by Ramsgate magistrates on Monday on Charles Frederick Sharp, aged 33, foreman bricklayer, of St. Augustine's-avenue, Margate, who was summoned for permitting a light to show at the County Rink after black-out on 31st January.

Warden Henry Thomas Cockram said he saw lights shining from six windows at the rink. With the assistance of another man he broke in and extinguished three lights which had been left burning.

P/C Ebbsworth said defendant told him that he left the premises at 4 p.m. and as it was daylight did not notice that the lights were on. He had previously taken the precaution of putting out a fire which they had lit to dry their clothes. Defendant was a foreman bricklayer in the employ of a firm who were carrying out some repairs to the building.

Defendant told the magistrates it was an oversight on his part.

A similar fine was imposed on Harold Allen, aged 38, a miner, of Coleman-crescent, who admitted responsibility for a light showing at his home on the night of 29th January.

THEIR UNLUCKY DAY

Fines of 10s. each and 5s. costs were imposed on Clifford Roy Hughes, of 58 Royal-road, Ramsgate, and Albert Gregory, of 33 Townley-street, Ramsgate, when they were summoned at Wingham Petty Sessions for trespassing in search of game at Nonington, on 26th December.

P/C Barber stated that he saw defendants ferretting a roadside bank and three nets were over holes. They said they were just getting a couple of rabbits and when told they would be reported, Gregory said "This is our unlucky day."

Black-out To-day 6.32 p.m.—7.56 a.m.

ON SERVICE

News of Thanet Men and Women

Bill Wilson, whose home is at 12 Cecilia-road, Ramsgate, has been seeing plenty of the world in the past five months or so. In May last year Bill, who is 21 years of age and an old boy of St. George's School, joined the Royal Artillery. Three months later, having a liking for the sea, he volunteered for maritime duties as a gunner aboard a merchant vessel and has now returned to this country after a journey to the southern climes. Engaged in submarine and anti-aircraft gunnery aboard a 16,000-ton vessel, Bill has visited South Africa, Madagascar and South America. He was particularly impressed by the hospitality of the South American people and in one of the ports saw the film "Mrs. Miniver" at a modern cinema. The dialogue was in English with the native translation shown on a strip at the bottom of the screen. Christmas was celebrated on the homeward trip with the usual seasonable fare, including turkey and Christmas pudding. After his months in the dry, temperate climate, Bill finds England very damp. He completed his fortnight's leave this week and has reported back to a Royal Artillery unit, but he looks forward to another sea trip.

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Here's some more news about our men in North Africa. One of them is Bdr. Rex Atkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Atkins, of the Freemasons' Tavern, Ramsgate. "Life out here," he states in a letter, "is very slow and nothing seems to happen. We are living near a small village and the French people try very hard to make us welcome. Most of them can speak a little English. They have invited us to their homes for tea and supper and last night I had roast pork and roast potatoes. We are getting bread every day now, in fact the food is better than we could get in England. Out here we can get dates by the thousand. You should taste the date jam we had yesterday—I wish I could send you some home. I was asked out to a New Year's party by some French people, and did I have fun? I was dancing all night and there was plenty of wine going."

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Pte. Harry Josling, whose wife lives at 152 Margate-road, Ramsgate, is in North Africa, engaged as a clerk on supply and transport. Thirty-eight years of age, he formerly worked for Messrs. Holness and Ovenden, auctioneers and estate agents, of High-street, Ramsgate, and prior to that was employed for many years as a grocer's assistant.

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Harry sees a lot of Wally Setterfield, peace-time playing secretary of the Ramsgate Gas and Water F.C., who is out there as a corporal in the R.A.O.C. He and his pals welcomed the New Year in with a royal feast which he describes in a letter to his father, Mr. W. Setterfield, bootmaker, of 8 St. Luke's-avenue, Ramsgate. "We hired a hotel," he said, "and all the ordnance fellows under the rank of sergeant came along. The Colonel and four other officers were present, too, and my pal and I had the job of organising the 'do.' Among 32 of us we had 54 fried eggs with chips, 16 chickens, roast potatoes, salad, Christmas pudding, lots of oranges, figs, tangerines, dates, muscatels, almonds, cigarettes, cigars and many varieties of wine. The officers were amazed and all confessed it was a 'smasher.'

"Menu cards were printed in the office and there were three toasts on the list. The entertainment included community, comic and straight songs, mouth-organ numbers, piano solos and bagpipes. We left the hotel and visited one part of the camp to see the New Year in with the Scots. What a 'to-do.' Christmas had passed off very quietly in comparison with the New Year celebrations." Wally's home is at 92 High-street, St. Lawrence, and his wife is serving in the Midlands. His cousin, Dick Setterfield, formerly of Queen-street, Ramsgate, is now with the Royal Air Force in the Middle East.

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Among the Margate men engaged in the North African campaign is Pte. Sidney Barron, of Avondale Cottage, Avondale-place, who is serving with the Pioneer Corps.

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces—so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

Spr. Thomas Griggs, of 14 Cheriton-avenue, Ramsgate, who has been serving in the Royal Engineers for the past 18 months, finished nine days' leave on Sunday. As a Territorial Buff in peace-time, Tom was called up just before the outbreak of war and fought in France with his younger brother, Spr. William Griggs, R.E., aged 23, who is now in the Middle East. Employed as a plate-layer on the railway in peace-time, Tom, who is 25 years of age, is still following his trade in the Army. Another brother, Mne. Leslie Griggs, was married in Carmarthen, Wales, on Boxing Day and he celebrated his 21st birthday a fortnight ago. All are sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Griggs and were educated at Ellington School.

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While on leave Tom Griggs paid some calls at the Oddfellows' Club with his friend, Pte. John A. King, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. King, of 1 Whitehall-road, Ramsgate, who wears the unfamiliar badge of the Army Catering Corps. Like his pal he was a Territorial in The Buffs prior to the war, while working for a local firm of bakers. After the evacuation of Dunkirk he transferred to the Royal Artillery and then to the Army Catering Corps, in which he has been serving for 12 months. John—"Ginger" to his friends—is an old boy of Christ Church and Ellington Schools. His brother, Gdsmn. Charlie King—one of Lord Lovat's Commandos who played such an important part in the Dieppe operations—has injured his foot while playing football.

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Another Christ Church schoolboy, Cpl. Arthur Ticehurst, is serving in the Parachute Regiment, and has just spent a few days' leave at his home, 24 Rodney-street, Ramsgate. Twenty-seven years of age, he was with the Cameron Highlanders in Scotland for two and a half years and then transferred to the Parachute Regiment. He has passed through his course and has so far made 12 descents.

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Maurice Thom, a son of Mrs. E. R. Thom, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate, has been granted his commission as a pilot-officer in the Royal Air Force. Last week he returned to England from Canada, where he received his training. His younger brother Donald, formerly a flight-sergeant in the A.T.C., is awaiting the final results of his examinations as leading-aircraftman in the R.A.F.

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His peace-time hobby of photography has stood Ldg.-Acm. George Harris in good stead in the Royal Air Force, in which service he is engaged as a clinical photographer. A member of Ramsgate Town Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, George, who lives at 20 West Cliff-road, assisted his father in peace-time in a furniture removal business. He is spending an enjoyable 14 days' leave at home.

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Mrs. Burton, of 1 Thanet-villas, Northwood, has just received a Christmas card from her son, Pte. Harry Burton, of The Buffs, who is a prisoner of war at Stalag VIII B, Germany.

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Acm. Horace Holbrook, R.A.F., whose home is in Richmond-road, Ramsgate, writes from the Middle East to his sister, Mrs. Clapson, residing in Gloucester, to say that he spent a fairly good Christmas. "We had a sandstorm two days ago," he says, "—and what a 'to-do'. I'll tell you all about it some day. For our Christmas dinner we had pork, baked potatoes, tinned peas and stuffing, mince pies and Christmas pudding. Four of us celebrated Christmas and the New Year with milk and peaches in our tent. We had all our family photos on the table and that made us feel much nearer home." Before the war Horace worked as a plumber at Ramsgate gasworks and at the Post Office. His brother Leslie, formerly employed by Messrs. W. W. Martin, the builders, is with a heavy anti-aircraft battery in this country, while his brother-in-law, Jim Coventon, who will be remembered as one of Vye's footballers, is in the signal section of The Buffs. Their father, Mr. H. G. Holbrook, who for many years was in business in Camden-road, Ramsgate, is now in the National Fire Service at Gloucester. Mr. Holbrook was a member of the old Ramsgate Fire Brigade and was awarded the O.B.E. for the part he played after the attack on the ammunition dump in the last war.

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Gnr. L. W. Kemp, R.A., serving in the Orkney Islands, and Gnr. R. H. Whiteley, R.A., in the Middle East, sent their greetings to the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., Broadstairs, last week.

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Mr. Bertram Bax, of 13 Cannonbury-road, Ramsgate, who was employed as a lorry driver by Messrs. Grummant Bros., the builders, has left for service in the Army.

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B/S/M G. Brown, of High-street, Ramsgate, was among the unfortunate prisoners of war who were manacled by the Germans. In a letter to his wife dated 20th December he says "We are all doing well in spite of the chains." A subsequent letter from him, however, cheerfully describes the Christmas celebrations.

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Ronald Cockram, a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Cockram, of Lhasa, Wallwood-road, Ramsgate, was married at Heathfield recently to Miss Iris Thompson, whose father, ex-P/C W. Thompson, retired from Ramsgate police force about three years ago. A member of the Kent County Constabulary at Chatham, Ronald has been training in the A.T.C. and, having passed his tests as an observer, expects to be joining the R.A.F. "any moment now." Twenty-three years of age, he is an old St. Georgian. His brother, Harry Thomas Cockram, an Old Ruymian, entered the Royal Navy on leaving school in 1920 and now holds the rank of warrant engineer. At the moment he is serving in a destroyer engaged on convoy work. The father is a Ramsgate tunnel warden.

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Congratulations to Miss Ivy Cramp, of 9 Queen-street, Ramsgate, on gaining an accountant commission as third-officer in the W.R.N.S. Miss Cramp, who was well-known in Ramsgate as an accountant and as secretary of the Parochial Soup Kitchen, has been in the service for about two years and spent a short leave at home during the week-end.

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Mr. Leonard Beasley, formerly advertisement manager of the ADVERTISER & ECHO, paid us a visit a few days ago. After a period of service with the Royal Air Force, Mr. Beasley was released for industrial work and until recently has been employed in a drop forge, but he is shortly reporting back to the R.A.F. Mr. Beasley's wife and young son are temporarily residing at Kidderminster.

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The family of the late Mr. W. M. Sedgwick and Mrs. E. M. Best, of Hampton-villa, Minster, can boast a fine record of service. Five sons and one daughter are in the forces, while another son, Maurice, was invalided from the Royal Navy about three years ago and is now engaged in Civil Defence work at Minster. Stanley, the eldest, is a private in the Pioneer Corps, the second son, John, is in the Middle East as a signaller in the Royal Corps of Signals, and the third, P/O Bernal Sedgwick, is in a battleship. Allen, the fourth son, is also in the Middle East as a driver in the Royal Artillery, and the youngest is Ldg.-Cook Vincent James Sedgwick, R.N. One daughter, Miss Ethel Mary (Molly) Sedgwick, serving in the W.R.N.S., recently married Ldg.-Tel. Kenneth Pitchforth, R.N. Another son-in-law is Flt.-Sgt. George Munday, R.A.F. The late Mr. Sedgwick died while serving in The Buffs in the last war.

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Mr. John Gardener, of 3 Kent-road, Margate, who has been employed by the Isle of Thanet Gas, Light and Coke Co. for 15 years, left last week for service with the Army in Yorkshire. Twenty-nine years of age, he is an old boy of Dane and Holy Trinity Schools.

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After being on convoy duties for the past 18 months, A/B Richard Morris, R.N., has returned on leave to his home, 18 Invicta-road, Margate. He is twenty-three years of age and joined the Navy three years ago after being employed as a barman.

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Only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. T. J. Pilcher, of 8 New-street, Margate, Pte. Thomas Pilcher is serving as a cook in the Army Catering Corps with the Persia-Iraq forces. Attached to the Air Formation Signals, he has been abroad for a year, having joined up nearly two years ago.

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RAMSGATE INNER WHEEL BIRTHDAY

Ramsgate Inner Wheel Club celebrated its ninth birthday at the home of its president, Mrs. John Morgan, on Thursday.

The highest honour that can fall to an Inner Wheel member—the presidency of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland and Overseas—has been conferred on Mrs. E. Billingham, the first secretary of the Ramsgate club, so this year's birthday was a special occasion.

Proposing the health of Ramsgate Inner Wheel Club, Rotarian C. Crump, of Deal, congratulated Ramsgate on being the only club in the district which had kept going in spite of the war. It was a great tribute to the enthusiasm of its members.

Mrs. Morgan responded and on behalf of the members Mrs. Blinko, founder president, made a presentation to Mrs. Billingham in recognition of her many years' staunch work for the Inner Wheel.

The thanks of the party to the ladies for providing such a delightful evening was expressed by Rotarian H. Laslett, president of Ramsgate Rotary Club, who acknowledged the support given to Rotary in Ramsgate by the Inner Wheel Club.

WOMAN'S MOST IMPORTANT JOB

A large number of women become physical wrecks, even before they reach the prime of life. In addition, their nerves are affected and there is not the happiness and contentment in their family life for which they ardently hoped when they entered the married state. They find that year after year their burdens increase and they become worn and tired out, with the result that the joyous life with husband and family they so fondly pictured in their younger days remains only a picture: a picture which grows dimmer and dimmer as the years pass.

The woman who plans her life along healthy and sensible lines, and in accordance with the present-day conditions of life, not only enjoys peace, happiness and contentment in her home life, but she is physically capable of looking after her children with true motherly care and attention.

The knowledgeable woman organises and controls her home and family life. It is within the power of every woman to possess the necessary knowledge for organising and controlling hers. This knowledge is conveyed in a well-written booklet entitled "Hygiene for Women," written by one who thoroughly understands her subject. Ask your chemist to-day for a copy of this booklet, or, if you would rather, write direct to Nurse Drew, Victoria House, Southampton-row, London, W.C.1, enclosing 3d. in stamps.

4th (THANET) CADET BATTALION, THE BUFFS

Commanding Officer—Maj. R. N. Paterson.

H.Q.—The Odeon Theatre, Ramsgate.

Part I Orders:

Sunday—Fieldcraft and tactics for all companies.

"A" Coy.—To-day and Wednesday, parade at H.Q., 19.00 hours. Senior Cadets, message writing and carrying, P.T., weapons training and map-reading for Cert. A (individual). Recruits, elementary basic training.

"A" Coy. (Broadstairs Platoon).—To-day and Thursday, parade at 19.00 hours at Broadstairs H.Q. for training as above.

"B" Coy. (Margate)—Wednesday, parade at 19.00 hours at Margate H.Q. for training in preparation for Cert. A (individual) as above.

"C" Coy. (Westgate)—To-day and Thursday, parade at Westgate H.Q. at 19.00 hours for elementary training in map-reading, weapons training and drill.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

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BIRTHS

Chapman.—2nd February, at 156 Southwood-road, Ramsgate, to Irene (née Lambert), wife of D. A. Chapman, the gift of a son (Robert George).

Hawkes.—28th January, at Bramble-cottage, Canterbury-road, Birchington, the wife of Kenneth Hawkes, of a daughter.

Seal.—27th January, at 19 Royal-road, Ramsgate, the wife of Wallace Seal, of a son.

Williamson.—27th January, at 131 Beacon-road, St. Peter's, the wife of Cpl. C. W. Williamson, of a daughter.

DEATHS

Adams.—31st January, suddenly, at her home, 10 Carlton-road, Friern Barnet, N.11, Kathleen Adams (née Young), late of Elms-avenue, Ramsgate.

Rudd.—28th January, at The Alma Hotel, Addiscombe-road, Croydon, Jean Rudd, late of Broadstairs, aged 17 years.

Bushell.—3rd February, Alice Eleanor Bushell, of 1 Gore End-cottages, Birchington, aged 55 years.

Castle.—29th January, at the County Hospital, Farnborough, Kent, Edith Louisa Castle, late of Birchington, aged 65 years.

Larkin.—29th January, at 17 Orchard-road, Margate, Frederick Alfred Larkin, aged 86 years.

Philpott.—1st February, at 29 Marine-terrace, Margate, Caroline Philpott, aged 80 years.

IN MEMORIAM

Marzetti.—In loving memory of James Marzetti, who passed away 8th February, 1942.—Never forgotten by his wife and sons.

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